

TRIP REPORT

30TH ANNUAL FEDERAL SAFETY  
AND HEALTH CONFERENCE  
IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

29-30 SEPTEMBER 1975

1. The following comments and impressions are for your background use and summarize the relevant portions of the Conference.

Remarks By:

a. Burt M. Conklin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor, emphasized the need for compliance to the OSHA and indicated that 70 departments and agencies have been studied as of this date. Forty percent have not as yet initiated a program. OSHA has received 190 employee complaints during the past year. He estimates that job-related accidents and illnesses cost 3/4 to 1 billion dollars per year to the Federal Government, much of it resulting from automobile accidents. Future emphasis will be placed on consultative support to programs and education. He also indicated that there may be changes in the CA-1 form which will require a statement by a safety officer on the cause of injury. He emphasized that OMB had a positive view toward health and safety items in the FY 77 budget. He concluded by stating that health and safety standards were slow in coming.

b. Congressman Hicks, Committee on Government Operations, stated that the Committee overseeing OSHA had received many complaints about the Act and felt that the Committee would focus on professional personnel in occupational health. Although many amendments to the Act have been proposed, he felt that the law would not be modified for awhile pending further experience.

c. Mr. James T. Clarke, Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Labor, emphasized that the

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implementation of safety and health as a viable program depends to a large extent on the active participation of management. He feels that the Labor Department will have to play a larger role in involving senior management in safety and health programs. He feels that the acceptance of OSHA has been slow due to cynicism, lack of sex appeal, the wide divergence of goals of various agencies, and the interdependency of these factors on each other. He took a rather strong critical position of OSHA's preoccupation with compliance with very little apparent interest in the results. Although this observation was not received well, I find myself in complete agreement with him.

d. Honorable Robert E. Hampton, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, stated that the Civil Service Commission looks at OSHA's problems as part of their overall personnel policies. He made note of the fact that labor unions have shown a substantial increase in their activity in obtaining health and safety provisions in negotiations. He felt that an intensive study of "stress" would be a worthwhile effort.

e. Dr. Earl D. Heath, Director of Training and Education, Department of Labor, described in great detail the development of training programs of various types for Federal and private use and offered his services to any Federal agency which might require training material. He pointed out, however, that only about 1/3 of the health and safety problems are amenable to training and education.

STATINTL

2. The remainder of the Conference involved a number of panels on proposed changes in legislation and the impact of collective bargaining on Federal safety and health programming.

Deputy Director of Medical Services

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

30TH ANNUAL FEDERAL SAFETY  
AND HEALTH CONFERENCE

Monday Afternoon

September 29, 1975

GREAT HALL - PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

2:00 PM

CONFERENCE CONVENES

Presiding: Chairman, Federal Advisory Council  
on Occupational Safety and Health

INVOCATION

Chaplain William E. Outlaw  
Lieutenant Commander  
U.S. Naval Reserve

2:15 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Presentation of Awards

John T. Dunlop  
Secretary of Labor  
(Tentative)

2:45 PM

IMPACT OF CIRCULAR A-11 ON AGENCY SAFETY  
AND HEALTH BUDGETS

(Speaker to be announced)

3:15 PM

IMPLEMENTING A SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM AS AN  
INTEGRAL PART OF MANAGEMENT

James T. Clarke  
Assistant Secretary for Management  
Department of Interior

4:00 PM

ADJOURN

Tuesday MorningSeptember 30, 1975

## GOLD ROOM - PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

Presiding: Gerard F. Scannell  
Director  
Office of Federal Agency Safety  
Programs  
Department of Labor

9:00 AM

## CSC'S ROLE IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Honorable Robert E. Hampton  
Chairman  
Civil Service Commission

9:30 AM

## MAKE FEDERAL SERVICE SAFE

Vincent L. Tofany, President  
National Safety Council

10:00 AM

## STATUS OF PROPOSED SUBPARTS TO 29 CFR 1960

Moderator: John M. Kanak  
Director of Safety  
Department of Health, Education  
and Welfare

## Panel: Safety and Health Training Guidelines

Anthony F. Ingrassia  
Director  
Office of Labor Management Relations  
Civil Service Commission

Program Evaluation and Annual Report  
Criteria

Sidney Sanders  
Safety Director  
Department of the Treasury

Operating Procedures for Field Federal  
Safety and Health Councils

Okey L. Gallagher  
Manager, Accident Prevention Division  
U.S. Postal Service

(Questions and Answers)

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11:00 AM

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW FEDERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH  
TRAINING COURSES

Dr. Earl D. Heath  
Director of Training and Education  
Department of Labor

12:00

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Wednesday Morning

October 1, 1975

GOLD ROOM - PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

Presiding: John M. Kanak  
Director of Safety  
Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare

9:30 AM

~~HEALTH~~ HAZARDS - IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL

Dr. Bobby F. Craft  
Deputy Associate Director for Programs  
National Institute for Occupational  
Safety and Health  
Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare

10:15 AM

IMPACT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ON FEDERAL  
SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMMING

Moderator: Anthony F. Ingrassia  
Director  
Office of Labor Management Relations  
Civil Service Commission

Panel: Ted Merrill  
Deputy Director  
Labor Management Department  
American Federation of Government  
Employees, AFL-CIO

David H. Green  
Director of Labor Management  
Relations  
Department of Defense

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CLOSING REMARKS

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